

REMARKS

Status Summary

Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application. In this amendment, independent claims 23 and 24 have been added. Claims 3, 4, 14, and 15 have been canceled. Therefore, upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 2, 5 – 13, and 16-24 remain pending.

Examiner Interview Summary

Applicants' representative greatly appreciate the Telephone Examiner Interview granted him on August 11, 2010.

In the Interview and subsequent communications, the claims and prior art was discussed. Agreement was reached in regard to the claims. In particular, the Examiner indicated that amending the claims to be consistent with the discussion in the interview would place the claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the claims have been amended to be consistent with the discussion in the interview. As such, it is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued. The Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorneys, Gregory A. Hunt or Shandon Herring, at (919) 493-8000 to conduct a subsequent telephone interview to resolve any outstanding issues.

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0013286 to Holland et al. (hereinafter, "Holland"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Pursuant to the Examiner Interview, the currently amended claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. In particular, it is respectfully submitted that the cited art does not disclose, teach, or suggest all the limitations of independent claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims as being anticipated by Holland should be withdrawn and a Notice of Allowance be issued.

New Claims

Claims 23 and 24 are added. Support for the claims is found, for example, in original claims 1, 3, 6, 12, 15, and 17. Pursuant to the Examiner Interview, the newly added claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. In particular, it is respectfully submitted that the cited art does not disclose, teach, or suggest all the limitations of independent claim 23 and 24. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims as being anticipated by Holland should be withdrawn and a Notice of Allowance be issued

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CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

If any small matter should remain outstanding after the Patent Examiner has had an opportunity to review the above Remarks, the Patent Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned patent attorney in order to resolve these matters and avoid the issuance of another Official Action.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account No. **50-0426**.

Respectfully submitted,

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